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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES, LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE LUSTIG FAMILY 1990 TRUST; and DAVID I. LUSTIG, individually and in his capacity as Trustee for The Lustig Family 1990 Trust,

Hearing Date: March 23, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Objection Deadline: March 16, 2016

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

Adv. Pro. No. 10-04417 (SMB)

	Defendants.	
	Defendants.	

DECLARATION OF NICHOLAS J. CREMONA IN SUPPORT OF THE TRUSTEE'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER PURSUANT TO RULES 15 AND 21 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, AS INCORPORATED BY RULES 7015 AND 7021 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE, GRANTING THE TRUSTEE LEAVE TO FILE A FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AND FOR RELATED RELIEF

NICHOLAS J. CREMONA hereby declares as follows:

- 1. I am a member of the New York Bar and a partner at Baker & Hostetler LLP, counsel for plaintiff Irving H. Picard, as trustee (the "Trustee") for the substantively consolidated liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa, et seq., and the estate of Bernard L. Madoff.
- 2. As an attorney of record in these proceedings, I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based either upon my own personal knowledge or upon information conveyed to me that I believe to be true.
- 3. I make this Declaration to transmit to the Court true and correct copies of documents and provide information in connection with the Trustee's Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Rules 15 and 21 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as Incorporated by Rules 7015 and 7021 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Granting the Trustee Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint and For Related Relief (the "Motion").
- 4. On December 22, 2015, Trustee's counsel sent a copy of the proposed First Amended Complaint by e-mail to counsel for defendants, Richard Signorelli and Bryan Ha, in order to obtain such parties' consent to the Trustee's filing of the amendment. On January 5, 2016, Richard Signorelli responded that due to personal reasons, he would need to address the Trustee's request the following week. Trustee's counsel followed up with defendants' counsel on January 11, 15, and 25, 2016. On January 26, 2016, Bryan Ha reported that Richard

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Signorelli was still dealing with personal issues, and would not have the capacity to consider the

Trustee's request until the second half of February or early March. Defendants have not yet

provided a response to the Trustee's request for consent.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is the Trustee's proposed First Amended Complaint

for review by the Court. Paragraphs 36 through 39 contain additional specificity regarding the

initial transfers sought to be avoided and recovered, as further discussed in the accompanying

Memorandum of Law in Support of the Trustee's Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Rules

15 and 21 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as Incorporated by Rules 7015 and 7021 of

the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Granting the Trustee Leave to File a First Amended

Complaint and For Related Relief.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the Trustee's Proposed Order in connection with

the Motion.

7. No prior application or motion for similar relief has been made to this or any

other court.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing

statements made by me are true and correct.

Dated: New York, New York

March 9, 2016

/s/ Nicholas J. Cremona

Nicholas J. Cremona

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